

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5617

INFO AMCONGEN ASMARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

COMIDEASTFOR

NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMMSTA NEA MAKRI

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E.O. N/A

TAGS PINS MOPS ET

SUBJECT: HEAVY FIRING IN ASMARA

1. CONGEN ASMARA, WHICH STILL UNABLE TRANSMIT MESSAGES, REPORTED BY TELEPHONE AT 2300 HRS. LOCAL JULY 25 THAT LATEST IN SERIES OF HEAVY FIRING EPISODES BEGINNING TO DIE DOWN. ALL AMCITS BELIEVED SAFE.

2. ACCORDING CONGEN, FIRING EPISODES APPARENTLY OUTGROWTH OF CONTINUING TERRORISM. CONGEN SPECULATES THAT INSURGENTS MAY HAVE

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WANTED MANIFEST THEMSELVES SO AS TO DETER THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR

NIGHTLY KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS FROM FURTHER EXCESSES.

3. BE THAT AS IT MAY, FIRING BEGAN IN ASMARA AT APPROX. 1700  
HRS LOCAL AND  
POPULATION IMMEDIATELY TOOK COVER. TROOPS THEN INVESTED EMPTY  
STREETS COMING INTO TOWN IN CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH. SMALL ARMS  
AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, TO 1800 HRS  
CENTERED IN COMMERCIAL AREAS.

4. HEAVY AUTO-WEAPONS FIRE, GRENADES AND OTHER EXPLOSIONS  
RESUMED AT 2230 HRS. "COMING AS WELL AS OUTGOING, NW OF CONGEN,  
WITHIN THE CITY. FIRING OCCURRING IN AN ARC WEST TO NORTH.  
HEAVY FIRING NEAR TRACT E. CONGEN DESCRIBED EPISODE AS UNUSAL  
IN THAT FIRING IS OCCURRING IN TOWN AND DOES NOT RPT NOT  
APPEAR TO BE INDISCRIMATE OR BLIND.

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